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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIAN DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN

1. FOUR DAYS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM SENEGAL AND GAMBIA WHERE HE DELIVERED PERSONAL MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT ON SAHARA FROM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TO PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND DIAWARA, MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAMDI OULD MOUKNAKI SET OFF AGAIN (ON DECEMBER 24) FOR TUNIS AND TRIPOLI.

2. ON HIS RETURN TRIP DURING DECEMBER 27, MOUKNAKI TOLD PRESS CORPS:

(A) HE HAD CARRIED MESSAGE OF THANKS TO TUNISIAN PRESIDENT FOR SUPPORT TUNISIA HAD GIVEN MAURITANIA DURING UN CONSIDERATION OF SAHARA. MOUKNASS DECLARED "PRESIDENT BORUGUIBA REAFFIRMED
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TO ME THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL REMAIN AT THE SIDE

OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA FOREVER."

(B) IN TRIPOLI, HE HAD GIVEN PRESIDENT QADHAAFI A "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN MAURITANIA/MOROCCAN SAHARA". HE REPORTED HE HAD EXPLAINED THAT "MAURITANIA WANTS TO ACHIEVE ITS UNITY IN PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS. MAURITANIA WANTS AND IS WORKING TO AVOID SPILLING OF THE BLOOD OF OUR FAMILIES, OUR PARENTS AND OUR COUSINS, IN THE SAHARA FOR PURPOSE WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INTERESTS OSDMAURITANIA OR THE SAHARA. ALL OF US, OUR BROTHERS AND COUANS IN THE SAHARA, NEED PEACE, AND OUR EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER MAURITANIA. I FOUND UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN PRESIDENT QADHAAFI. HE REAFFIRMED TO ME THAT HE OPPOSES EVERYTHING WHICH AFFECTS MAURITANIA AND ITS SOVEREIGNTY ADVERSELY, THAT HE OPPOSES ANYTHING WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE MAURITANIAN PEOPLE, THEIR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY."

(C) AND FINALLY THAT "WE BELIEVE HERE IN MAURITANIA THAT THE ARAB WORLD SHOULD NOT AGREE TO SEE CREATED IN THE AONOERN ARAB WORLD A FOCUS OF TENSION WHERE IDEOLOGIES IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE OUR ARAB/MOSLEM UNIVERSE WILL CLASH. THE EFFORTS AND TOTALITY OF MEANS OF THE ARAB WORLD SHOULD BE DIRECTED AND EXERTED TOWARD THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE AND THE SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANY OTHER ARITIFICAL CAUSE IS A WASTE OF TIME."

3. MINER OF CULTURE AHENDOU OULD TOLBA SET OUT DECEMBER 22 TO DELIVER MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TO KINGS AND PRESIDENTS OF SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR, KUWAIT, BAHREIN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, JORDAN, SYRIA, LEBANON, IRAQ, AND THE SUDAN. GOVERNMENT RUN DAILY, CHAAB, REPORTED DECEMBER 29 THAT TOLBA TOLD REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT AMMAN AIRPORT TWENTY-SEVENTH THAT MESSAGE HE WAS CARRYING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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KING HUSSEIN EXPRESSED MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S THANKS FOR JORDAN'S SUPPORT IN UN ON SAHARA. MINISTER ADDED HE ALSO PLANNED TO DESCRIBE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SAHARA TO JORDANIAN MONARCH.HANDYSIDE

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